

ABOVE: Josephine Pettenati, 89, of Warren, right, is all smiles as she grabs for balloons during the balloon drop Tuesday at the SCOPE Inc. of Trumbull County Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Auction held at Jimmy Chieffo's restaurant in Warren. Inside the balloons was "Big Bucks," play money that could be used to bid on 50 auction items donated by SCOPE. Pettenati's balloons yielded \$110 in play money while Gayle Thompson, 65, Niles, center, received \$125 in play money from the balloons she caught.

RIGHT: Steve De'Orio, 80, and his wife of 59 years Ethel, 78, of Howland, jitterbug Tuesday before a crowd of more than 200 people during the volunteer appreciation luncheon.

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COLUMBUS (AP) — Gov. Bob Taft's fund-raising calls on behalf of a group running commercials critical of Supreme Court Justice Alice Robie Resnick aren't an issue as much as who is paying for those commercials, a consultant to her campaign said.

Taft told the Dayton Daily News for a story Tuesday that he has made calls on behalf of

Citizens for a Strong Ohio, a group formed by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, which has been strongly critical of some of Resnick's decisions.



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Resnick, a Toledo Democrat, faces Republican Terrence O'Donnell, a Cleveland appeals court judge, in the Nov. 7 election.

The group has aired a 30-second television ad statewide linking Resnick's voting record to contributions from trial attorneys. The ad asks: "Is Justice for Sale in Ohio?"

It's the money behind the commercials that upsets political consultant Bill Burges, who is advising Resnick's campaign. Independent groups may raise and spend whatever they wish and are not required to file disclosure forms with the secretary of state, as campaigns and political action committees must do. Officials of Citizens for a Strong Ohio say they have no intention

EPA takes over Mahoning River site cleanup

By JOE LAWLOR
Tribune Chronicle

WARREN — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken over cleanup at the Mahoningside Generating Plant and will pay for its completion.

The city is trying to restore the Mahoning Avenue site — which housed a turn-of-the-century power plant that was demolished in 1999 — to make it attractive for economic development.

Kendall Moore, environmental specialist with the EPA's Chicago office, said the project has been designated a "Superfund Emergency Response" site, which means it will be cleaned up with federal

Project designated a 'Superfund Emergency Response' location

money.

EPA officials are already at the site conducting tests and removing soil.

In April, the federal agency became involved because of the discovery of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a carcinogen. McCabe Engineering of Richfield discovered soil samples between 4,500 and 15,000 parts per million of PCBs during testing of underground soil in March. The EPA investigates any site that has 50 parts per million or more of PCBs.

While the agency had an advisory

role through the summer, Moore said it decided to take over the project when it became apparent the city had run out of money. The city, through a series of state loans, grants and private donations, already had paid \$2.3 million for the cleanup. With Warren's city situation — 54 employees are laid off — the city couldn't afford to keep the project going.

"We did not see it as a site that should remain idle for six months or longer," Moore said. "The proximity to the Mahoning River posed enough of a risk for

us to go ahead and pay for the remainder of the project."

While it's unlikely that the site could have posed an environmental or health risk, Moore said it makes sense to remove the risk of PCBs migrating to the Mahoning River and infiltrating the environment.

Moore said he's not sure how much more money will be needed, because of uncertainty regarding what still could be found at the site.

Mark Durno, EPA's on-scene coordinator, said work began at the site last week, with contaminated soil being removed from underground pipes, sumps and conduits.

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Counselor faces lawsuit while in jail

By CHRISTOPHER BOBBY
Tribune Chronicle

WARREN — A teen-age boy from Struthers and his parents are suing a 56-year-old psychologist

of fondling two of his clients.

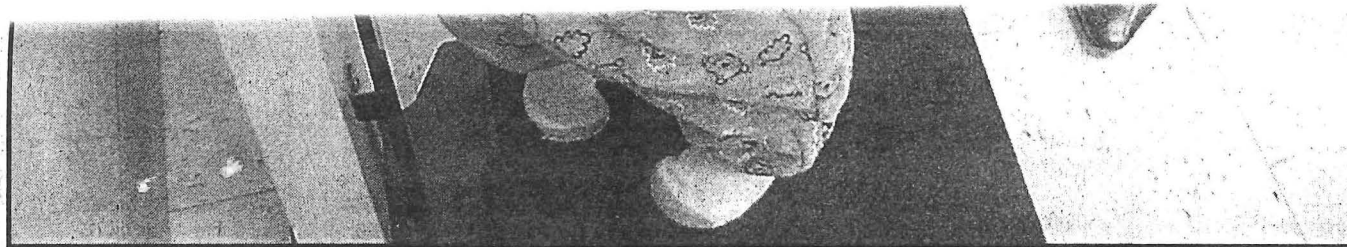
The suit was filed by Joseph and Elaine Calabrette of Struthers on behalf of their son Joseph. The case was assigned to

age to the youth.

Christian surrendered his state license when he was sentenced March 29 by Judge W. Wyatt McKay.

The inappropriate touching was a result of a very poor judgment or even a lack of a judgment in some instances."

McKay ignored the pleas for probation and denied the former



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Eight-month-old Seth Louttit, Newton Falls, holds on to the hands of his mother, Tina Loutitt, Tuesday while being weighed at the free Kidcare Photo ID event at the Forum Health Trumbull Memorial Hospital Connection in the

Eastwood Mall. Free booklets were given to parents with their child's photo, height and weight, age, and other personal information that could help parents if their child ever becomes lost.

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He said the soil is being shipped to a toxic waste landfill near Buffalo, where the contaminated materials can't escape.

Durno said a new contractor has taken over the project —

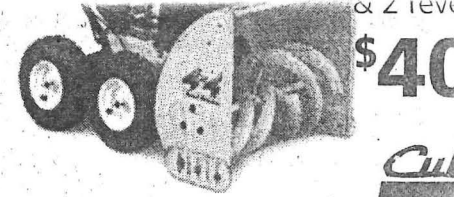
Environmental Quality Management of Cincinnati. Durno said McCabe is being retained as a subcontractor.

He said over the next month or so, contractors will conduct more tests to gauge the extent of the problem. He said they will also likely perform a health risk analysis before deciding what to do with the soil.

Durno said depending on how the test results turn out, they could excavate or encapsulate the soil.

Ed McCabe, president of McCabe Engineering, said his company had been doing limited work — underground water treatment and pumping — until the federal EPA came aboard.

"We had a lot of hope that they would take over," McCabe said. "This is excellent news for the city of Warren, that the U.S. EPA took immediate steps to protect the environment and make sure the project is completed."



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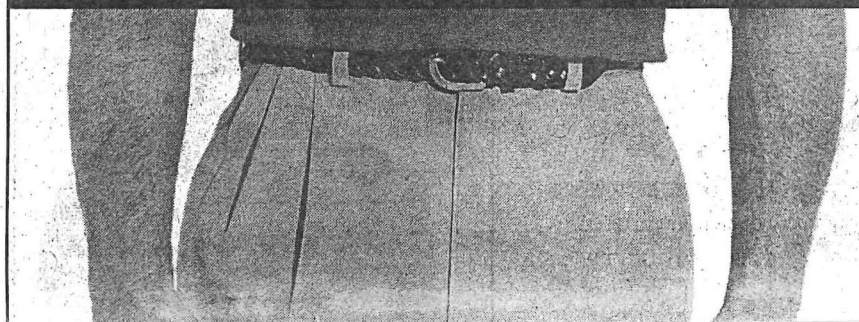
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